



## **HARDWICK COMMUNITY TELEVISION**

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We support the Alliance for Community Media's petition to waive the registration and certification requirement of the closed captioning rules for PEG producers.

Hardwick Community Television is the P.E.G. (Public, Education, Government) access station for the greater Hardwick and Woodbury community founded in 2004. We broadcast 24/7 on Comcast Channel 16 and all local programs are streamed on [www.hctv.us](http://www.hctv.us). We regularly cover town government, school board, high school sports and events of local interest. We offer free training in video and sound recording to community members twice yearly. In the last year, our organization has worked with more than 25 separate individuals who produced PEG programming, and another 15 local organizations, such as the Center for an Agricultural Economy, Hazen Union School and the Jeudevine Library.

Requiring community members who use our channel to register with the FCC and certify that they are exempt from captioning requirements would be cumbersome and a deterrent for some producers to use the channels.

This is especially the case because our channel is exempt from the captioning requirement because of our yearly revenue, which falls below \$50k. While we appreciate the consumer feedback the registration process will generate, we do not believe that registering PEG access producers on exempt channels will help consumers. We appreciate the Commission's prompt action in the matter. Thank you.

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